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K BEGIN SUMMARY: COVERAGE OF THE KREISKY-BRANDT STATEMENT ON THE
MIDDLE EAST, DUBBED THE "VIENNA DOCUMENT," NOISE OUT THE
SHCHARANSKY AND GINZBURG TRIALS FOR TOP BILLING IN TODAY'S
PRESS. THE PAPERS STRESS THAT IN LIGHT OF THE PERES-SADAT
MEETING, THE STATEMENT MUST BE VIEWED AS A "SORT OF INFORMED
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SUMMATION OF THEIR DISCUSSION." EDITORIAL COMMENT
IS FAVORABLE WHILE OFFICIAL REACTION IN JERUSALEM IS
REPORTEDLY MIXED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE JERUSALEM POST (LANDAU IN VIENNA) STRESSES THE
SIGNIFICANCE OF DOCUMENT'S TIMING, "A DAY AFTER THE SADAT-
PERES-KREISKY-BRANDT TALKS HERE, THE DOCUMENT ASSUMES

PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE...PERES HAS SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT HE WILL RECOMMEND TO HIS LABOR PARTY THAT IT ENDORSE THE KRIESKY-BRANDT DOCUMENT..."

3. MAARIV (SEGEV IN VIENNA) QUOTES PAERE AS SAYING HE WAS LEAVING VIENNA CONVINCED THAT "THE ROAD TO A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT IS STILL OPEN..." PERES REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE STATEMENT FULFILLED HIS HOPES IN SEVERAL DIRECTIONS: "THE DOCUMENT RECOGNIZES THE PRINCIPLE OF DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS, IT URGES SADAT TO CONTINUE WITH HIS PEACE INITIATIVE, ACCEPTS THE ISRAELI CONCEPT OF DEFENSIBLE BORDERS, SUPPORTS ISRAELI SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK AND, MOST IMPORTANT, IT NO LONGER SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINAIN STATE AND DOES NOT EVEN MENTION THE PLO..." YEDIOT AHARANOT'S GUINEY POINTS OUT THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SADAT'S DECLARATION FOLLOWING THE VIENNA MEETINGS AND EGYPT'S SIX POINT PLAN.

4. MAARIV (HARIF) REPORTS REACTION BY "SENIOR POLITICAL CIRCLES IN JERUSALEM." THEY REGARD THE DOCUMENT AS "BETTER THAN THE DECLARATION OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE EEC, AND IMMEASURABLY BETTER THAN THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY DR. KRONISKY..." TAKING NOTE OF THE SECTION DEALING WITH THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, THESE SOURCES SAID, "THE VIENNA DOCUMENT MAKES NO MENTION OF THE PLO NOR DOES IT EXPLICITLY SAY ANYTHING

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ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE..." HARIF ADDS THAT ACCORDING TO POLITICAL OBSERVERS THE DOCUMENT CAN BE SEEN IN A POSITIVE LIGHT BECAUSE ITS FORMULATION WLLOWS A WIDE MARGIN FOR DIALOGUE AND DOES NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A COMPROMISE....." HARIF'S CONTACTS SAID THAT THE ACTUAL TEST WILL BE IN THE PRACTICAL DELIBERATIONS AND NOT IN THE DECLARATION OF PRINICIPLES, WHICH BASICALLY REFLECTS ALL THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID IN 242 AND 338. "FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW, IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR WHETHER PRESIDENT SADAT HAS AT ALL SHIFTED HIS POSITIONS. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, PERES DID NOT BRING UP WITH SADAT THE QUESTION OF EGYPTIAN WILLINGNESS FOR TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE... HAD HE RAISED THE ISSUE, HE WOULD NATURALLY HAVE MET WITH A CATEGORICAL REFUSAL. HENCE, THE VIENNA DOCUMENT IS NOT IN ITSELF A CLARIFICATION OF SADAT'S INTENTIONS. THE TEST WILL, THEREFORE, BE IN LONDON."

5. ALL EDITORIALS SEE POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN THE VIENNA DOCUMENT. HAARETS ASSUMES THAT SADAT HAS GIVEN THE AUTHORS OF THE DOCUMENT REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD REGARD IT AS BASIS FOR CAIRO-JERUSALEM NEGOTIATIONS. HAARETZ ADDS THAT "PERES CAN CLAIM THAT...DOCUMENT TO BE NOT ONLY A PERSONAL ACHIVEMENT, BUT ALSO PROOF... THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WILL TALK

TO ISRAELI STATESMEN WHO ARE PREPARED TO SEEK WAYS TO SETTLE THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE EVEN OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER TRIED TO ESTABLISH WITH HIS AUTONOMY PLAN. OBVIOUSLY, THE HEAD OF THE OPPOSITION CANNOT CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT...BUT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ADVISED TO PAY HEED TO THE VIENNA COCUMENT. IT HAS POSSIBILITIES WHICH MAY BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IN LONDON."

6. DAVAR'S EDITORIAL DESCRIBES THE DOCUMENT AS ONE "OF GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE...IT CARRIES GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL AND INFORMATIONAL WEIGHT..." THE EDITORIAL NOTES THAT "THE VIENNA PRINCIPLES ARE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL THAN FORMER KREISKY POSITIONS SHARED BY MOST MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL..." THE SECTION DEALING WITH THE PALESTINIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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SOLUTIONS CAN BE REGARDED, ACCORDING TO DAVAR, AS A "BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ISRAEL CAN PARTICIPATE IN, WITHOUT JREJUDICING ANY SECURITY INTERESTS OF HERS..."

EVEN MAARIV, WHICH HAD EARLIER TAKEN A DIM VIEW OF PERES' DECISION TO MEET WITH SADAT, FINDS POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN THE DOCUMENT. THE EDITORIAL WELCOMES THE FACT THAT THE HEADS OF THE INTERNATIONAL, AND PARTICULARLY KREISKY, NO LONGER REGARD THE PLO AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE AS A SOLUTION FOR THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. MAARIV OBSERVES, "THE VIENNA DOCUMENT IS FAR REMOVED FROM THE LIKUD POLITICAL CONCEPTS AND IS NATURALLY CLOSER TO LABOR POSITIONS. AS THE SAME TIME, IT I FAR REMOVED FROM THE RECENT OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS. IF THE VIENNA DOCUMENT ALSO REFLECTS SECOND SADAT THOUGHTS, AND A REVIEW OF CERTAIN EUROPEAN POSITIONS, IT MAY WELL CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE LONDON...CONFERENCE."
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